

Roulette Farm Group, Barn  
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ROULETTE FARM GROUP

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Location: Antietam National Battlefield, south and east of the Mumma Farm, Sharpsburg Vicinity, Washington County, Maryland

Significance: The Roulette farm is significant both as an example of the area's early architecture and due to its relationship to the Civil War Battle of Antietam.

Description: Situated along gradually sloping ground, the Roulette farmhouse is a long, narrow, two-part log structure covered with German and aluminum siding. The more southerly part of the house is a one-story, four-bay structure with small six-over-six windows which have their lintels on a lower plane than the door lintel. A deep overhanging porch extends along the front elevation. A large exterior stone chimney topped with brick is situated in the south gable end. The remaining five bays are attached to the north end wall of the first section and appear to be an addition. Part of the front wall is recessed forming a second, separate front elevation porch. There are two interior chimneys located in this section. One is situated where the addition meets the older southerly portion of the house. The other is built into the north gable end. The side-gabled roof, which runs contiguously over both sections, is interrupted in the front of the newer section by two gabled dormers.

The Roulette barn is a large frame, bank barn typical to the region. Its stone foundation supports a wooden frame with a side-gabled roof.

History: Architectural evidence suggests that at least part of the Roulette farm was built during the late eighteenth century. The exterior stone chimney and the uneven door and window lintels of the south section are often associated with pre-1800 midland log buildings. The unusual length of the house supports the assertion that the north section is an addition.

During the Battle of Antietam, the orchard and the cornfield between the Roulette house and the Sunken Road called Bloody Lane were scenes of extensive fighting. Roulette farm fields became the pathway to Bloody Lane for men of the Second Corps. Due to their proximity, the barn and house were used as hospitals after the battle.

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